

District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous holiday season and a very happy and peaceful new year! Below is some recent City news to share with your neighbors.

Visioning 2035 Initiative – Information on the results of the citywide visioning effort, including the Neighbor Summit on November 10th, is at <http://www.ourvisionftl.com>. Your participation in the various visioning events is greatly appreciated.

Marina Lofts – The City Commission has received considerable input both in favor of and opposed to the Marina Lofts project, proposed for the parcel at 424 SW 4th Avenue in Tarpon River. Broward County is considering taking action to have the “rain tree” on the property designated as a historic resource. This item will be on the County Commission Agenda on Tuesday, December 11th at 2:00 PM, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 422.

Homeless Issues – As the City Commissioner charged with oversight of the City’s response to homeless issues, I’m in the process of working with Robin Martin of HOPE South Florida, Lisa A. Vecchi of Broward Housing Solutions®, and Anthea Pennant of Feeding South Florida™. In addition, the County will be including the City’s proposal for a Chronic Homeless Housing Collaborative in its application to US HUD for FY12 Chronic Homeless Assistance.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY –

- ❖ **Section of Riverland Road to Close on November 26** – About 200 feet of Riverland Road – east of SR 7/441 and south of Dr. Elizabeth Hays Civic Park (3781 Riverland Road) – will be closed for five days beginning Monday, November 26th at 7 AM. Work crews must install new water and sewer service in the area. The City expects to reopen Riverland Road on Friday, November 30th at about 5:30 PM. Motorists are encouraged to follow posted detour signs and travel slowly to ensure the safety of workers, pedestrians, and other motorists.
- ❖ **Broward Boulevard Gateway Implementation** – During my Pre-Agenda meeting on November 5th, the project team gave a presentation on proposed construction and design elements for the gateway and received input from District IV residents. For more information, please see <http://www.tcrpc.org>.
- ❖ **What’s Next for the Wave Streetcar?** I have received an update from the Downtown Development Authority of Fort Lauderdale (DDA) that the following major steps of the project will be completed by February 2013:
 - The Interlocal Agreement will be finalized;
 - The Project Management Contract will go to bid; and
 - Local Assessment Public Hearings will be held.

The station design process is expected to begin after February, so now is a good time to start thinking about the design elements you’d like to see at your closest station. For more information, please see <http://www.wavestreetcar.com> or contact Ms. Kate Sheffield at the DDA: 954-463-6574 or kate@ddaftl.org.

SAVE THE DATE –

- **Friday, November 16** – 5th Annual Light Up Lauderdale, Esplanade Park, 400 SE 2nd Street, 5:00 – 8:00 PM.
- **Wednesday, November 21** – Light Up the Beach! The City’s Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be held at 6:30 PM at A1A and East Las Olas, with a Holiday Concert at 7:00 PM at DC Alexander Park, 501 Seabreeze Boulevard.
- **Tuesday, November 27** – **50th Anniversary of Christmas on Las Olas** on East Las Olas from SE 6th to SE 11th avenues. See <https://www.facebook.com/ChristmasOnLasOlas>.
- **Sunday, December 2** – Winterfest Family Fun Day will be on the Riverside Hotel Lawn, 620 East Las Olas, from Noon to 4:00 PM. The Boat Parade is set for Saturday, December 15th. See <http://www.winterfestparade.com>.
- **Saturday & Sunday, January 5 & 6** – 25th Annual Las Olas Art Fair, Part I. East Las Olas. For more information, please visit <http://www.artfestival.com> or call 561-746-6615.
- **The 28th Annual Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant** at First Baptist Church runs from November 30th to December 16th. Tickets can be purchased at <http://ChristmasTickets.com> or via 1-888-952-4806.

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